Principal’s News:

Welcome back to all school families and a big welcome to the new families joining us this term.

Visiting teacher from USA: We welcome Morwenna who will be teaching in our Year 4 classes with Ms Cormack this term. I sincerely thank Prue Shepherd and her daughters Elyse and Chelsea for providing a home for Morwenna during her stay in Australia.

Athletic Sports: Due to the poor weather conditions at the end of term one we will be holding our Athletic Sports day for all students in Years 3 to 6 this Friday 15th April. Parents are welcome to join us at any time during the day as the event will be held at school to make use of our wonderful school facilities.

School Assemblies: This term we are trialling separate assemblies each fortnight for P-2 students and Year 3-6 students. There will be no assembly this week due to the athletic sports. We will commence with an assembly for P-2 next week Friday 22nd April at 2:30pm following our whole school ANZAC Commemorative assembly at 2:05pm. Class performances will be filmed to enable teachers to share the performances on screen later within their individual classes.

ANZAC Day: There is no school on Anzac Day Monday 25th April. Our school captains will be representing our school at the Geelong Schools ANZAC Ceremony on the morning of Friday 22nd April and at the Dawn Service in Torquay on Monday 25th April. On Friday April 22nd we will be holding a school ANZAC Commemorative assembly for all classes at 2:05pm, parents are welcome.

School Council: The new School Council commences with sub-committee meetings next week. We welcome your new representatives, Robert Skehan, Samantha McGowan, Michael Walsh (Treasurer), Merrin Wake and Carolyn Chalton (P&C Secretary) who will join the continuing members Amber Potter (President), Mel Webb (Vice President), Kylie O’Sullivan, Meryl Whiteside and Robyn Stevens. This year we also welcome staff members Joshua Brown, Elizabeth Rogers, Christian Smith and Deb Galbraith to our school council.

Once again I thank Fiona Sanderson-Baker, Michelle Gait, Ellie McFarlane and Nadia Tkaczuk, members who completed their term in March and also Steve Blakely and Deb Samson who resigned towards the end of the term. We appreciate the many hours that all of these past members gave to support our school.

Please consider joining one of our sub-committees.

Chinese exchange visit: We have been invited to visit China during the last week of term 3. Many families have already expressed interest in joining this excursion to China. Please let the office know by Friday if you are interested in your 11 years + child attending.

Hosting Chinese students: Students from our sister school in Year 6 from China would like to visit us from July 15th to July 20th. They would attend a mini-camp with some of our students on the 15th to 17th July and then stay with host families for 3 or 4 nights. I will need to respond to them regarding the viability of this plan as it will depend on the number of willing host families. If you can help out with hosting one or two students, please let me know by this Friday 15th April.

Pam Kinsman, Principal
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear School Community Members,

Welcome back to term 2! We trust everyone had a safe and enjoyable school break and had the chance to indulge in some favourite activities and spend some valuable time with your families. We also hope the Easter bunny found you!

Term 2 is an eleven week term and we assure you that our school has much to look forward to throughout this time:- the Year 3-6 Athletic Sports, house cross country for our Year 3-6 students, NAPLAN (Government testing) testing for students in Year 3 and 5, education week, our open days, student report cards, numerous excursions and Parent /Teacher Interviews.

Please keep an ‘eye’ on the calendar of events on page 1 of Quaynotes each week.

Education Week and Open Days

Our College, along with many other schools, will celebrate education week during the week of Monday, 16th May through to Thursday, 19th May. This is an opportunity for our community to celebrate the wonderful opportunities, experiences and achievements our students undertake on a daily basis at Torquay College.

Torquay College are celebrating education week with two ‘Open Days’.

Our Open Days for our current families will be:

- **Tuesday, 17th May:** 8.45am – 10.15am
- **Wednesday, 18th May:** 8.45am – 10.15am
- **Wednesday, 18th May:** 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Parents/carers are welcome to visit their child’s classroom during these times to observe and partake in the classroom activities.

School tours for prospective families will be:

- **Monday, 16th May:** 9.00am - 10.00am
- **Monday, 16th May:** 2.00pm - 3.00pm
- **Thursday, 19th May:** 9.00am - 10.00am
- **Thursday, 19th May:** 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Students and staff extend a warm welcome and invitation to all families to join us at some stage during these times.

Junior School Council (JSC) – Good Friday Appeal

We are proud to announce $991 was raised by our school to support the Good Friday Appeal. We thank and congratulate the JSC for their leadership and organisation of this event.

ANZAC Day Service - Friday, 22nd April

Torquay College will be holding its annual ANZAC Day service on Friday, 22nd April at 2.05pm. We are seeking an ex-service person or current Military member to speak at our ANZAC service – if you are available, please contact Christian. Families and friends are welcome.

R u OK?

A reminder to students and families of the ‘R U OK?’ tool on our student Intranet page. The ‘R U OK?’ tool is designed to support students who are having a tough time. Students can use this tool to report bullying or inform us that they are having a tough time. The report students make through this tool is emailed to Ms Nadia and Mr Smith.

We encourage students to utilise this tool in times of need.

Thank you for supporting our school and have a great week.

Kind Regards,

Christian Smith and Nadia Tkaczuk
Assistant Principals
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HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR OUR VISITING STUDENTS FROM CHINA

Hosting an exchange student can be a very rewarding experience for the whole family. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture. Host families help provide visiting students with the chance to experience life in Australia as a part of a family and the local community.

If your family are willing to host a visiting Year 6 student/s from China from the 17th July to the 20th July please return the completed slip to the College office by this Friday 15th April. Thank you

Yes, we are interested in hosting two (2) visiting students from China.

Parents Name: ................................................................. Phone: .................................................................
Students Name: ................................................................. Grade: .................................................................
We can host 2 students:  Boys  Girls  (please circle your preference)

SCHOOL COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES

We are calling for parents to join our school committees. Please complete the slip below and return it to the office if you are interested in becoming more involved with our school and contribute on a Sub-committee.

School Council Sub-Committee Reply Slip to office
I would like to join the ................................................................. School Council Sub-committee
Parent Name: ................................................................. Child’s Class .................................................................
Email: .................................................................

Resources—Physical—grounds, building planning, building maintenance, cleaning
Financial—assets, fundraising, finance, budgets
Learning Environment—student welfare, student travel, code of conduct, enrolments, transition, infectious diseases, integration, uniform
Management—school council operations, workforce planning, sponsorship & promotion, professional development, communication, school reviews, annual report
Curriculum—curriculum policies, homework, information technology, library, cultural programs, school initiatives, student assessment and reporting

REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the students listed below, who did a wonderful job representing Torquay College at the Western Metropolitan Regional Swimming Carnival. Each of the students should be very proud of their efforts.

9/10 years Butterfly and Freestyle  Alex Williams
9/10 years Backstroke  Teal Struder
9/10 years Backstroke  Ash D’Andrea
11 Boys Freestyle relay  Archie Watson, Hudson Green, Sam Thompson and Will Richards
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Torquay College is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers.

Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

BOOKCLUB will be coming home this week and is due back to school on the Friday 22nd April. Unfortunately we cannot take any orders after this time. Thank you for your continued support. Please insure your child’s name and class is on the order form.

Library News

Please see attached information about the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
Torquay College has registered as a participating school. If you would like your student to participate and can support them at home, it is a perfect opportunity for parents to encourage extra reading.
Many studies have shown that parental involvement and "modelling" a love of reading is highly beneficial to the reading and writing achievement of their children.
Please go to the website www.education.vic.gov.au/prc for all the information.
When the form is returned to school we will register the student/s and issue a username and password.
Please see Kathy or Lesley in the library if you wish to discuss anything about the challenge or anything else concerning the Library.
Thank you,

Happy Reading!
Kathy and Lesley.
Welcome to the annual Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Reading is an essential life skill for everyone and the Challenge encourages families to be actively involved in supporting children to read. The Challenge invites children and young people to read a set number of books and record their efforts online. It’s a great way to get them talking about reading with friends and family, and to push themselves to read as many books as they can. Join the Challenge today and discover new authors, get expert tips, book recommendations and more. Participation is free. To find out more about the Challenge and access the booklist visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/pc.

Like us on Facebook to share tips, literary articles and recommended reads www.facebook.com/VICPRC

Privacy and Consent Form (Schools)

By signing this document, you agree to the TERMS and CONDITIONS outlined below. These include consent for your child to participate in the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and for their name to appear on a certificate of completion and for their name to appear on the online honour roll. Please note that the child’s name only will appear on the certificate and online Honour Roll with no other identifying factors. Participating schools appear as a separate list.

Note: Students whose names do not appear on the online honour roll are still able to participate in the Challenge.

Child’s name: .................................................................................................................................

School or early childhood service: .....................................................................................................

Year level/class: .................................................................................................................................

Yes  No   I consent to my child’s name appearing on the online Honour Roll

Certificate name (only if different from name above): ........................................................................

Parent/guardian name (please print): ............................................................................................... 

Parent/guardian signature: .............................................................................................................. Date: .................................................................................................................................

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: Department refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training. Person refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

1) Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual’s name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

2) Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child’s first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:

• Use the information to register your child and to generate an online account (from which school age children can record the books that they read);
• Publish your child’s name and year level on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/pc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as school name.
• Give the name of your child to Finbury Green Pty Ltd ABN 52 007 743 151 who will then disclose to a third party for the purpose of printing Certificates of Achievement.

3) Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department’s Information Privacy Policy located at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacyvic.aspx

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department’s Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.
Nippers State Carnival - Torquay College Students

Many students from Torquay College participated in the State Nipper Carnival in Warrnambool, for either Torquay or Jan Juc Surf Life Saving Clubs. All competed with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship and should be very proud of their achievements. Many made semi finals and finals at the state level, which is not an easy task. Torquay College students came home with 14 medals between them, and there were a similar number of children that finished in the top 5 of the State. The medals were:

- Samuel Staines - U9 – Silver—Board Relay, Bronze—Individual Board
- Georgie Norris – U12 - Gold- Board Rescue, Bronze- Aqua Cam, Bronze- Board Relay
- Steph Reade – U11- Silver- Wade Relay, Bronze- Individual Swim, Bronze- Team Swim
- Pippa Norris- U10 – Silver- Board Relay, Bronze- Team Swim.
- Nerys Kirk- U12- Bronze- Aqua Cam, Bronze- Beach relay.
- Archer Green- U9- Gold- Board Relay
- Zali Keeble- U10- Silver- Aqua Cam.
- Chloe Miller- U11- Silver- Wade Relay
- Millie Harris– U10- Bronze- 500m Beach Run

Congratulations to all who participated on a great weekend.

Parents of 2017 Year 7 Students
GEELONG & DISTRICT GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS
INFORMATION SESSIONS

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Heartfelt thank you!

A huge thankyou to the Torquay College mum who located a missing toddler after school yesterday. His parents are very grateful for your kindness. The family would also like to thank everyone in the school community who assisted in finding their son.
“MOVING FORWARD”
A PEER SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Are you a parent/carer of a young person with mental health issues? Do you feel overwhelmed and want to connect with other people who may be experiencing the same thing? Peer support is the giving and receiving of help based on the key principles of respect, shared responsibility and mutual agreement of how to move forward and what is helpful.

The group begins on May the 3rd at Spring Creek Community House and will take place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, from 7-8.15pm. There is no commitment to come every week, just come along as you need support. The group is about sharing our experiences to move forward whilst supporting our loved ones. Gold Coin Donation. Please register your interest or enquiries at info@theawareproject.com.au

Meagan Burch Music Tui

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Piano, keyboard, Guitar, Ukulele, Drum or Singing Lessons

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During &/or After School Hours at School
Come & try music lessons without committing to the full term.
Join together with a friend in a shared lesson.
To enrol, or to receive more information please contact Meagan:
mbmt@bigpond.com
Providing Music Lessons in local schools since 1985.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIME
The beginning and finish of the school day is a very busy time and the safety of our students is paramount. Please be mindful of parking and driving regulations at all times.

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